

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--July 1986

I. GENERAL

A. The Philippines, after a few months of relative quiet, once again preoccupied the bureau for several days when Tolentino proclaimed himself acting president while President Aquino was in the southern Philippines. The bureau reopened on 6 July and remained open that night as an open watch on radios was instituted. While the crisis was short-lived and ended peacefully, it once more brought home the need for enhanced reception of radios and coverage of TV. Secondary-source interviews and statements could not be covered from primary sources due to very poor or unmonitored reception.

B. Consul General Burton Levin departed Hong Kong for Washington on 18 July after almost 5 years. He was replaced by Donald Anderson who has served in Hong Kong before. Consul General Anderson is familiar with the bureau, having worked closely with former Bureau Chief [] when the press monitoring unit was moved from the political section to the bureau. Consul General and Mrs Anderson visited the bureau on 30 July for orientation and renewed old acquaintances among the foreign staff.

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C. The team of State Department inspectors conducted its survey during the month and visited the bureau on 9 July. Interviews focused on support by the consulate to other offices and the new housing on Bonham Road. They noted with interest the sizeable output of the bureau compared with the small number of American staff.

D. On 3 August Hong Kong was declared a cholera-infected area after several cases of the disease were confirmed as originating in the territory. All cases, so far, have been confined to the New Territories and Kowloon. Authorities are stressing that good personal hygiene and proper food preparation are the best way to control the outbreak.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Tolentino's "foolish attempt," as Aquino characterized it, at a takeover of the Philippines was reflected in the bureau's output of publishable wordage. Reporting on the Philippines rose to its third highest level, with the newspapers accounting for the lion's

share. Two Philippine newspapers were added to our coverage during the month. They were: THE MANILA CHRONICLE, which is proving to be very productive and the DAVAO STAR, a Mindanao publication.

2. Typhoon Peggy brushed past Hong Kong on 11 July causing one death and some damage. The bureau remained open, but went on reduced staffing when the No. 8 signal was raised. The No. 8 means that all nonessential offices and businesses are to close and that transportation services will be limited in 2 hours.

3. A strike by AFP employees over a planned reorganization which envisaged the laying off of several hundred AFP employees resulted in two strikes, one a 24-hour walkout on 10 July and the other a 48-hour action on 15 July which was extended to 19 July. While the Hong Kong file was not affected as far as Asian reporting was concerned, international reporting involving the Paris office was a different story. Hong Kong Bureau remained alert to items of immediate worldwide interest, but found very few of these being run.

4. Bureau efforts to monitor the new TV station located just across the PRC border in Shenzhen were unsuccessful. Both the bureau and one of our apartments were tried as reception sites. On 22 July we met with Cable & Wireless' Thomas C.W. Lam and Derek C.S. Ho who just took over as head of television in the private network area to make arrangements for C&W to record the station's telecasts for us on a trial basis for sampling.

B. Lateral Services

Gorbachev's Vladivostok speech prompted several requests for copies from USIS and the consulate's political section.

C. Technical

1. The bureau is working with Cable & Wireless (C&W) to find an alternate route for our microwave link from St John's Building to the antenna field on Mt Butler. C&W feels that the easiest solution would be to put a passive repeater on one of its towers on the Peak so that the link would go from St John's Building to the Peak and then to Mt Butler. By using this approach, the bureau would not need permission from the Hong Kong government for another frequency. It would be a matter between the bureau and C&W. A survey to assess the feasibility of this approach will be carried out by the bureau and C&W.

2. A meeting with C&W's general manager for telecom services and marketing revealed that C&W now feels it is 3 - 6 months, rather than 2 - 3 months, away from a decision on relocation of the Mt Butler antenna field.

3. The bureau's experience with BACH 1.1 during the month duplicated the problems of other bureaus. We have set the BACH program aside for the moment and await the arrival of the next version. In the meantime, the bureau has been working with the word processing program TYPIST to produce translations. Because files in TYPIST can be saved in ASCII, we can use it in conjunction with the IBM XT/PC to produce a punched tape. We find that TYPIST is more

suitable to the multi-takes that make up a significant part of the bureau's file. We have found the length limitations of a file in SIDEKICK/NOTEPAD unweildy. We also like the spelling checker in TYPIST, the ease of learning and its flexibility. Using floppy disks to move the copy from PC to PC, we have now produced a number of translations which are translated, edited and punched from soft copy.

III. VISITS

A. Editor [] spent a 1-day TDY at the bureau on 10 July enroute to his new assignment in Bangkok.

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B. S&T Center linguist [] TDYed on 15 July on his way back to Washington, D.C.

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C. Consulate summer intern Jackie Ewenstein for briefing and tour on 17 July.

D. AG analyst [] TDYed at the bureau on 21 July. [] Production Group, also visited at the same time.

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E. Deputy Chief [] visited the bureau on 22 July and shared experiences about BACH.

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F. Thomas C.W. Lam and Derek C.S. Ho from Cable & Wireless for discussions and a tour of the bureau on 22 July.

G. D. Thomas Linville, the new chief of adminstration for the consulate, and Paul Duane, chief of B&F, for a briefing and tour on 29 July.

H. Consul General and Mrs Donald Anderson on 30 July for orientation and tour.

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Attachment: Monthly Production Report

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cc: 1 - C/Bangkok
1 - C/Okinawa
1 - C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1347190
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	115110
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	2038

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	4900	10350	286

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	3840
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	350
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8450
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9580
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7150
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3760
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1880
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9680
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7290
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12050
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7310
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1710
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6140
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12580
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6630
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7590
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10170
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	14140

HONG KONG ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	38570	
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN CHINESE	8720	
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE		6000
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH		34680
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE		5060
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE		29600
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE		1450
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE		18750
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE		137660
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE		1300
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE		22310
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE		13890
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE		42490
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE		5940
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE		16720
BEIJING LILUN YUEKAN IN CHINESE		15090
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE		10960
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE		116410
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE		4660
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE		3780
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE		7290
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE		1340
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE		1960
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE		0

BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	2090
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	910
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	30490
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN CHINESE	5410
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	2040
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	1280
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	38980
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	1150
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN CHINESE	6160
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	800
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	5740
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	6210
XIAN XIBEI XINXI BAO IN CHINESE	3460
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN CHINESE	4540
ZHENGZHOU HENAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	1570

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN ENGLISH	120
HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCAST LTD IN ENGLISH	0

HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	1330	
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	2540	
HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH		84040
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH		1230
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE		5390
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE		2420
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH		4680
HONG KONG HONGKONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH		13820
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN ENGLISH		6890
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE		7680
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		22500
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA SUNDAY MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		7190
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE		9150
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH		2940
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE		10250

NEW ZEALAND	
AUCKLAND THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD IN ENGLISH	1420
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN ENGLISH	5060

PHILIPPINES	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN ENGLISH	24620

MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN TAGALOG	4870
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN TAGALOG	670
LADAG CITY NATION BROADCASTING COMPANY CORP. STATION DWRI IN ILOCANO	2180
QUEZON CITY DZFM RADIO IN ENGLISH	4940
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN ENGLISH	150
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN TAGALOG	14640
QUEZON CITY RADYO PAG-ASA IN TAGALOG	180
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN ENGLISH	41300
MANILA MR. & MS. (SPECIAL EDITION) IN ENGLISH	0
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN ENGLISH	24900
MANILA THE MANILA CHRONICLE IN ENGLISH	32490
MANILA THE MANILA EVENING POST IN ENGLISH	23710
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH	980
MANILA THE NEWS HERALD IN ENGLISH	25460
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	26170
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	3000
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN ENGLISH	0
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN ENGLISH	0
CEBU CITY VISAYAN HERALD IN ENGLISH	710
DAVAO CITY DAVAO STAR IN ENGLISH	3680
DAVAO CITY MINDANAO MIRROR-BULLETIN IN ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY THE DAILY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN ENGLISH	15750
QUEZON CITY BUSINESS DAY IN ENGLISH	98250
QUEZON CITY NEW DAY IN ENGLISH	24130
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN ENGLISH	0

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